



City of Miami Springs, Florida

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Rebeca Sosa Theater, 1401 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, Florida

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:05 p.m.

Present were the following:

Mayor Billy Bain

Vice Mayor (Vacant)

Councilman Bob Best

Councilwoman Maria Mitchell

Councilman Jaime A. Petralanda

City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero

City Clerk Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria

City Attorney Haydee Sera

Captain Jimmy Deal

Recreation Director Omar Luna

Public Works Director Tom Nash

Golf Director Paul O'Dell

Human Resource Director Bill Collins

2. **Invocation:** Led by Councilman Bob Best
Salute to the Flag: Audience led the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Flag.
3. **Agenda / Order of Business: None at this time.**
4. **Awards & Presentations: None at this time.**
5. **Open Forum: The following members of the public addressed the City Council:** Amanda Valdespino, Braden Harrington, Max DoMato, Efrain Mendez, Angelica Ruiz, Elizabeth Tilman, Yma Tejeda, and George Lob.
6. **Approval of Council Minutes:**

A) May 26, 2020 – Regular Meeting

B) May 28, 2020 – Special Meeting

Councilman Best moved to approve the minutes of Regular meeting of May 26, 2020 and Special meeting of May 28, 2020. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best,

Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

7. Reports from Boards & Commissions: None at this time.

8. Public Hearings: None at this time.

9. Consent Agenda: (Funded and/or Budgeted):

A) Recommendation by the Police Department that Council authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Alan Jay Fleet Sales, utilizing Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) Contract #2020-120716 NAF, in the amount of \$40,756.00 for one (1) 2021 Chevy Tahoe Police 2WD, as these funds are available in the FY19/20 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(5) of the City Code

B) Public Works requests Council to approve an increase to the open Purchase Order #200013 in the amount of \$10,500.00 to Auto Zone utilizing Omnia Partners contract #R170201 (attached) for purchase of truck & vehicle parts. A Blanket Purchase Order was opened for \$9,500.00, October 8, 2019 as funds were approved in the FY 19/20 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code

Assistant City Manager Tammy Romero read the Consent Agenda Items for the record.

Councilman Best moved to approve Consent Agenda Items. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

10. Old Business:

A) Recommendation by Recreation that Council waive the competitive bid process and approve an expenditure to Firepower Displays Unlimited, LLC, in the amount of \$16,000, for 4th of July Fireworks Display as funds were approved in the FY 19/20 Budget, pursuant to Section §31.11 (E)(6)(g) of the City Code

Councilwoman Mitchell moved to cancel the fireworks display this year. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 3-1 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, and Councilman Petralanda voting Yes; Mayor Bain voting No.

11. New Business:

A) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Appointing An Interim Councilmember To Fill The Vacancy In Group III On The City Council; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Mayor Bain explained that the best way to conduct the appointment selection is, if the City Council agrees, by order of how items are voted in a meeting. He stated that since the Vice Mayor seat is vacant, the next Vice Mayor would be Group IV. The Council agreed on the procedure. Councilman Petralanda made a motion to appoint Dr. James Watson to the Group III vacancy. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

After further discussion, Councilman Best moved to appoint former Councilman George Lob to the vacant Group III seat. Mayor Bain passed the gavel to Councilman Petralanda and seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

B) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Ratifying All Emergency Orders Issued And Actions Taken By The City Manager Related To Novel Coronavirus/Covid-19; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilwoman Mitchell moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Best seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

C) Resolution – A Resolution Of The Mayor And The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs, Florida, Urging Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez And The Board Of County Commissioners To Transfer Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (Cares) Act Direct Federal Funds Received By Miami-Dade County To The City Of Miami Springs And To Other Units Of Local Government Within The County Based On Population And Rates Of Covid-19 Cases; Providing For Transmittal; And Providing For An Effective Date

City Manager William Alonso read the Resolution by title.

Councilman Best moved to approve the Resolution as read. Councilman Petralanda seconded the motion, which carried 4-0 on roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Councilman Best, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Petralanda, and Mayor Bain voting Yes.

12. Other Business:

A) Request by Councilwoman Maria Mitchell to discuss recent flooding in the City

Councilwoman Mitchell mentioned that a valuable resource, Miami-Dade County 311 app, helps with mosquito control. Recent rainstorms allow the mass reproduction of mosquitos which are carriers of many diseases. She further discussed the recent floodings in the City which affected many residents that either had their homes flooded or almost flooded. She stated that she, the City Manager and the Public Works Director reached out to the State and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) recently. During a conference call with all parties, she was told by SFWMD, that the canals, due to the dry season, were already low and were expected to handle the rain amount. They advised that the SFWMD and the Army Corps of Engineers will work on the main canal to come up with solutions that will alleviate future flooding.

13. Reports & Recommendations:

A) City Attorney

City Attorney Haydee Sera explained that there is a possibility that after the qualification period there may be only one person that may fully qualify for the vacancy and since it will be considered an unopposed election if there is no one else, the qualified individual will be elected to Group III.

B) City Manager

City Manager William Alonso had no report at this time.

C) City Council

Councilman Best thanked everyone that came tonight to speak on their cause. He supports non-violent demonstrations, and that there has been progress, but there needs to be more. He believes that there are several websites that are a disgraceful and has no business in the City.

Councilwoman Mitchell expressed her condolences to the Leonard family. She recognized that Beth Tillman's request is spot on and agrees that living assisted facilities and nursing homes should be held accountable for the information being disseminated is accurate. She appreciates the individuals that spoke tonight, she thanked them for their comments.

Councilman Petralanda thanked everyone that came to the meeting tonight. He encouraged individuals to working with the City for peaceful demonstrations. He stated that it was great to all be together again in a physical meeting.

Mayor Bain thanked everyone who came tonight. He thanked them for being cordial. He expressed that there was a horrible tragedy of what happened to Mr. Floyd. He said when he spoke to the Chief and the Captain about the potential demonstration, they were not sure how many protestors would show up, but the responsibility is to protect the City.

14. Adjourn

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC
City Clerk

*Adopted by the City Council on
This 8th day of June, 2020.*


Billy Bain, Mayor

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